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### SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA MEETS WITH SENATOR MERKLEY - FEB 2013

Front: Lenora Hall, Joel Bravo, Denise Padgett  
Back: Kara Miller, Dr. Joseph Giovanetti, Senator Merkley,  
Loren Bommelyn, Russ Crabtree

The Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council was in Washington, DC from Tuesday, February 12 through Thursday, February 14 for three days of meetings with Members of Congress from California and Oregon, staff from the Congressional Committees that have jurisdiction over Native American policy, and officials from the government agencies that impact the way the Tribe operates, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, the Administration for Native Americans and the Department of Transportation.

In addition to lobbying to protect funding for Federal programs that are important to Smith River Rancheria, the Tribal Council advocated for other important issues, including expediting the Fee-to-Trust process; seeking support for preserving the Tolowa Dee-ni' language; ensuring that all of our

members have equal access to health care, and bringing additional transportation funding back to the Smith River Rancheria. These meetings serve to cultivate existing relationships and allow the Tribe to forge new bonds and alliances that will allow the Tribe to continue to serve our tribal family, protect Tolowa culture and independence and maintain asolid economic footing.

The Tribal Council has traveled to Washington every year since 2006. These visits have resulted in substantial resources for the Tribe including funding for wastewater treatment infrastructure, upgrades to Highway 101, and autonomy for the Howonquet Head Start program.

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### MARCH

Saturday, March 16, 2013  
General Membership Meeting  
Nominations for 2 Council Seats

Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
Nominees accept or decline with-  
in 7 business days.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
Campaign letters due by 5:00  
pm. 300 words or less.

### APRIL

Monday April 5, 2013  
Mail general election  
information.

Monday, April 29, 2013  
Voter registration closes  
(Tribal members may still  
register but may not  
participate until 2014.)

Monday, April 29, 2013  
Last day for mailing absentee  
ballots (15 days for mailing)

### MAY

Saturday, May 18, 2013  
Election Day (9:00 am - 3:00  
pm) at Howonquet Hall  
Community Center



# 2013

# ELECTION

# TIMELINE



# March

**Sundays**

**Cash is King but...  
Queen is Better!**

**Pick the Lucky  
Queen card  
& Win Double!  
Cash & Free Play!  
Drawings 1 to 4pm**



**Mondays**



**Rollin' Dice**

**Roll our Dice & Win Cash!  
Drawings - 1 to 4pm**

**&**

**CASH CUBE!!**

**How much Cash  
can you grab?!**

**Drawings - 7 to 9pm**



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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

### **ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**We do not have  
addresses for:**

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Logan Burshem  
Mitchell Burshem  
Kenneth Hutsell  
Monica Livingston  
Derek Martin  
Amanda Parke  
Robert Phillips  
Dawn Popanz  
Ricardo Rojas  
Tiffany Sanchez  
Julie Seshier-Harris  
Lisa Sopiwnik  
Vanessa Stowe  
Daniel Thompson**

Please call the Enrollment Office to  
**update your address**

(707) 487-9255 ext. 3120

Or send mail to:

Smith River Rancheria

Attn: Enrollment

140 Rowdy Creek

Smith River CA, 95567

## **Request for Proposal**

We are looking for TRIBAL REGALIA MAKERS to make one-strand, two-strand, and three-strand, traditional style necklaces for the graduation banquet this year.

The deadline for proposals is April 5, 2013.

For more information please contact  
**Leann Babcock-McCallum**  
707-487-9255 ext. 3131

*Submitted by Leann Babcock-McCallum  
CFS Program Technician*



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# Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Mar 7-9	31st Annual Hank Westbrook Winter Steelhead Derby
Mar 8	April Newsletter Deadline
Mar 10	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 12	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
Mar 14	Wee'-ya' (Language) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Mar 16	General Membership Meeting 8:00am-3:00pm Tolowa Event Center
Mar 17	Happy St. Patrick’s Day
Mar 20	Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Mar 20	1st Day of Spring
Mar 24	Tribal Children’s Easter Party 2:00-4:00 pm Xaa-wan’-k’wvt Hall Community Center
Mar 25-29	Howonquet Head Start Closed for Spring Break
Mar 26	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
Mar 26	Council Nomination Acceptance/Denial Letters Due
Mar 27-28	Small Business Development Workshop Lucky 7 Casino, Nan-ts’vn (Mountain) Room
Mar 31	Happy Easter

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Community Garden at Gilbert Creek is looking for volunteers. Anything and everything helps, even one hour per week.

Please contact Natalie Moss at (707) 487-9255, ext. 3601 for details.





# Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Nutrition Center Menu - March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Stuffed Cabbage
4 Veggie Chili	5 Oven Fried Chicken	6 Split Pea Soup	7 Enchilada Casserole	8 Hot Turkey Sandwich
11 Macaroni & Cheese	12 Meatloaf	13 Chili	14 Chicken Divan	15 Corn Beef and Cabbage
18 Soup & Egg Salad Sandwich	19 Spaghetti	20 Potato Chowder	21 Liver with Onions	22 Breakfast
25 Chili Relleno	26 Barbeque Chicken	27 Beef Stew	28 Tuna Casserole	29 Chicken Pot Pie

**Lunch served @ 12:00 pm**  
**Reserve** Lunch @ 707-487-4463  
Menu Subject to Change  
*101 Indian Court in Smith River*

Suggested donations:  
Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)    Under 55, \$7

**Tai Chi** - Every Wednesday, 12:30 pm  
**BP/BS Checks**—call CHR @ 487-0215,  
464-2919, or 482-2181  
**RepChem** 3rd Wednesday

## Scholarship Opportunity

### Smith River Rancheria Community and Family Services:

If you know anyone looking for scholarships or scholarship information please let them know Indian Country Today has a new searchable website with lots of good resources about Scholarships.

For more information about Indian Country Today, you can view their website at: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/education/scholarships/>

*Submitted by Leann Babcock-McCallum  
CFS Program Technician*

## Tribal Family Resource Center

Just a reminder to all the TFRC is open and there are computers available for use.

We anticipate that the library will be up and running by spring. Although books cannot be checked out at this time, you can use the library materials on site. I suggest calling ahead of time in the event the room is scheduled for a meeting or staff is off site for some purpose. We anticipate having a public calendar available in the near future that will share the activities scheduled at the TFRC. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the TFRC that you would like to share please feel free to contact me. Kim Yost 487-9255 ex 3137



*Submitted by Kim Yost, Social Service Aid  
Community and Family Services*





# General Membership Meeting Agenda



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA TOLOWA EVENT CENTER SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome: Kara Miller, Tribal Council Chairperson
- 9:30 a.m. Reports to Membership:
- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Administration                      | Russ Crabtree, Tribal Administrator            |
| Fiscal                              | Hank Shields, CFO                              |
| Self-Governance                     | Briannon Fraley, Self-Governance Director      |
| Grants & Contracts                  | Cassandra Mitchell, Grants & Contracts Manager |
| Housing & Maintenance               | Earl Brown, Housing Director                   |
| Natural Resources                   | Brad Cass, Natural Resources Director          |
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| Community & Family Services         | Dorothy Perry, CFS Director                    |
| Tribal Court                        | Nita Rhodes, Court Administrator               |
| Enrollment                          | Theresa Ferrer, Enrollment Specialist          |
| Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ (Culture)           | Marva Scott, Culture Manager                   |
| NAGPRA                              | Buffy McQuillen, Repatriation Specialist       |
| Human Resources – SRR               | Terri Camarena, SRR HR Manager                 |
| Human Resources – L7C               | Rachel Ochoa, L7C HR Manager                   |
| Information Technology              | Darryl Yarak, IT Director                      |
| Tribal Gaming Agency                | David Reich, TGA Director                      |
| Lucky 7 Casino & Fuel Mart          | John Scott, General Manager                    |
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Lucky 7 Casino's House of Howonquet
- 1:00 p.m. Tribal Member Questions - TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY may be heard at this time with a time limit of 3 minutes. These comments should not include any personnel issues.
- 2:00 p.m. Tribal Council Nominations for 2013-2014
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Prayer

# Excerpt from the Election Ordinance

## ARTICLE III – QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

### Section 1 – Eligible Voter:

All duly enrolled members of the Smith River Rancheria, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and registered in accordance with Article IV of this Ordinance shall be eligible to vote in all elections as provided for in the Constitution of Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria.

### Section 2 – Eligibility for Tribal Office:

Eligibility for Tribal Office is any qualified voter of the Smith River Rancheria who is twenty one (21) years of age or older, as provided above, and has been nominated in accordance with Article IX Section 3 of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of Smith River Rancheria – shall be eligible to seek and hold elective office, including Tribal Council office, elected or appointed Tribal Board or Committee seats.

## ARTICLE IV – REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER

### Section 1 – Registrar of Voters:

The Enrollment Clerk and/or a member from the Election Board shall serve as the Registrar of Voters for the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria.

### Section 2 – Registration Required:

An enrolled member must register to vote only once under this Ordinance in order to vote in elections of the Smith River Rancheria. An enrolled member shall not be eligible to vote unless registered fifteen (15) days prior to the date of an election.

### Section 3 – Registration Form:

Any duly enrolled member eighteen (18) years of age or older who wishes to vote may register by executing a Registration Form stating their name, address, date of birth, and signature. The name and mailing address of such members shall, upon verification of enrollment, be entered on the Smith River Rancheria Voter Registration List by the Registrar.

### Section 4 – Registration List:

Ten (10) days before the next scheduled election, the Registrar of Voters shall provide a certified copy of the current Voter Registration List to the Election Board and shall cause a copy of the Voter Registration List to be available at the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Office. For the purposes of this subsection, certification shall consist of a statement by the Registrar of Voters that the Voter Registration List is a true and correct list of all persons who have registered and who meet the qualifications for voters established by the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria and this Ordinance.

## ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

### Section 1 – Qualifications:

Any duly enrolled member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older is qualified to make nominations.

### Section 2 – Nominations:

Nominations for the Tribal Council will be made during the General Membership Meeting in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria. Nominations will be accepted from the general membership present. Written nominations received by the Office prior to the nomination meeting will also be accepted. Nominees shall decline or confirm their acceptance in writing within seven (7) business days. At the time of nomination acceptance, nominees will be issued an Election Packet that will include a list of registered voters.

## ARTICLE VI – CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

### Section 1 – Notice:

The date of the election shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and announced at a regular Tribal Council meeting sufficiently in advance of the election to notify interested tribal members so that they can meet the time deadlines of this Ordinance.

### Section 2 – Ballot:

The Election Board shall prescribe the form of the ballots to be used in each election. The names of the certified candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order.

### Section 3 – Voting Procedure:

Voting shall start at 9:00 am on the day of the General Election, which is the third Saturday in May, in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria, and polls shall remain open for at least six (6) hours.

The voter shall first sign his or her name on the Certified Voters List. The voter shall then be given a ballot. The voter shall deposit the completed ballot in the locked ballot box.

Should the voter make a mistake on or destroy his or her ballot, a new ballot may be issued to the voter. The spoiled ballot shall be voided immediately by an Election Board member.

### Section 4 – Returns:

Immediately after the poll is closed the Election Board shall clear the area of all persons other than themselves and shall count the votes cast. Should any ballot contain votes for more than the specified amount, either listed candidates or write-ins, it shall

be voided. The Election Board shall then certify and post the results of the election on the Tribal Election Results Form.

### Section 5 – Write-In Candidates:

Spaces for write-in candidates will be provided for on the election ballots.

## ARTICLE VII – ABSENTEE VOTING

### Section 1 – Required:

A provision for absentee voting is required for all elections. Absentee ballots must be mailed for hand delivered to the Election Board before the close of the polls. Two or more members of the Election Board shall pick up the absentee ballots at the post office within one hour before the closing of the polls. Any ballots received after the close of the polls shall not be counted.

### Section 2 – Applications:

Each person applying for an absentee ballot must fill out and sign an Application for Absentee Ballot. Absentee applications that require mailing must be requested at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election. Other absentee applications can be obtained during regular working hours until the close of business on the day prior to the election.

### Section 3 – Ballots:

The absentee ballot shall consist of a paper ballot, which meets the requirement of this Ordinance. The Election Board shall compare the signature on the return envelope to the signature on the Application for Absentee Ballot. If the signatures match, the ballot envelope shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. In the event the ballot is rejected because of an improper signature, the ballot shall be deposited in a separate secure box.

### Section 4 – Rejected Ballots:

At the closing of the polls, the Election Board shall open the rejection box and allow any interested tribal voter to challenge the rejection of any ballot. The decision of the Election Board shall be final. If a challenge is granted, the outer envelope shall be opened and the inner envelope deposited in the ballot box in the same manner as other absentee ballots. Unchallenged, rejected ballots shall be destroyed, unopened, after the election has been certified.





# Clean Water Act 106 Water Pollution Control and Clean Water Act 319 Non-Point Source Control Programs

The Smith River Rancheria (SRR) has participated and received funding assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for these programs since 2004 and 2008 respectively. The streams and river monitored by the Tribe's Water Resource Technician are Lopez Creek (primarily due to the fact it is our sole drinking water source), Gilbert Creek, and Smith River.

The goals of these programs are to hopefully get a good picture of the health of our streams & river and to protect these water resources from pollution caused by surface run-off. These goals are accomplished by public education, Tribal protection codes and activities, and to collect data that can, over time, accurately help to paint this picture. The main characteristics we are gathering are turbidity, dissolved oxygen (D.O.), salinity, conductivity, and pH. SRR is also doing chemical sampling to determine total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and E.coli. These three items are sent to certified labs to determine results.

The five main characteristics monitored are taken with an instrument called a data sonde, and the data collected from the data sonde is transferred to the EPA by electronic format. This program is very helpful in being able to look back and see what has happened in years past, as well as keeping SRR actively involved with our water quality. If some type of event should impair our streams, short term or long term, we would be able to argue that it is not how our streams or river should be.

All of these characteristics are very susceptible to outside influences because streams and rivers are the sum of all the run off from the mountains, timber harvest activities, roads (dirt and paved), ravines, farms, residences, etc. These are all part of a watershed, and as I said very susceptible to animals and humans and their activities on and around said watersheds. Anything the water has run through, over, or around can have a direct effect on the health of a stream or river. I am happy to report that our streams and river are very healthy and that we are truly blessed with their beauty.

*Submitted by Don James, Smith River Rancheria Water Resource Technician*

# Have Respect for Each Other and the Earth



There are many events this month, including the General Membership Meeting, the beginning of Spring, and Women's History Month. One thing that ties them all together is the need for Respect. Respect may be seen as esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, and as proper acceptance or courtesy. Tolowa culture teaches we are to have respect for our Elders; they help us remember where we come from, and share with us wisdom they have spent years gathering. It does not mean we always have to agree with them, but we do need to show courtesy to them. We listen, and we help them with things they have difficulty with because of their age. We are taught to respect women, because they are the life of our Tribe. We are here because they raised us, and overcame great odds to make a life for us. We are taught to respect the Earth, because it supports us and nourishes us. If we do not respect the Earth, we are the ones who will suffer.

Respect is the oil that nourishes and supports our lives, and makes life work smoothly. It is what keeps disagreement from becoming violence. Respect means we can discuss our differences and come to win-win solutions (even when it is not everything we originally wanted). When we have Respect for each other and Earth, and teach Respect to our children (by word and action), there is room for healing and growth. Shu' shaa nin-la.

*Submitted by Judith Burke, Advocate/Social Worker  
Community and Family Services*

# Tribal Member Achievement

**Heather Kliever** has been selected to be an inaugural member of the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps. The Oregon Heritage MentorCorps is a statewide cooperative effort focused on the collections of library, museum, and archival organizations. Funded in part by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, members of the Northwest Archivists, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Library Association, Oregon State Library, Oregon State Archives, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, and Oregon Heritage created the Heritage MentorCorps. Heritage Mentors will provide information and training in collections care and emergency preparedness for libraries, museums and archives in their region. Heather is the Registrar for the Lane County Historical Society and Museum in Eugene, Oregon.

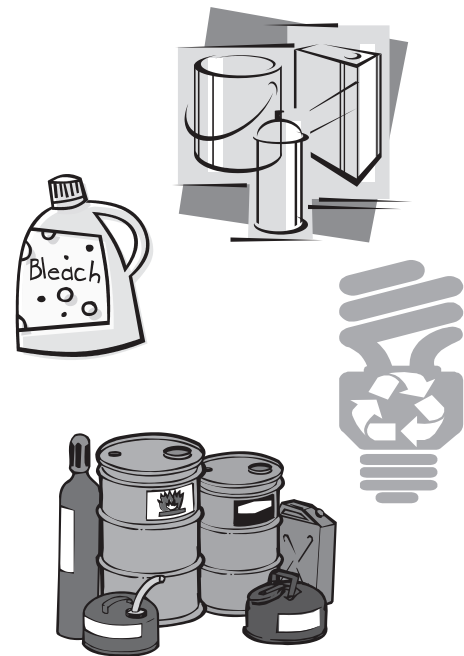


# Household Hazards

Americans produce 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste every year. What is household hazardous waste? Well the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines these household products as flammable, combustible, toxic, explosive/reactive, or corrosive. Some of these products you are probably already aware of. For example, it is well known that brake fluid, antifreeze, pool chemicals, and varnishes can be very dangerous if not stored, used, or disposed of properly. But did you know that nail polishes/removers, moth balls, charcoal lighter fluid, and fluorescent lights can also cause significant damage to humans, vegetation, wildlife, and other environmental resources? Problems usually arise when these chemicals leak and/or spill from their containers. If the spill interacts with other chemicals, toxic gases can form or even explode. Another significant problem can occur when these spills take place outside, in driveways or lawns. A simple rain can sweep these chemicals into larger water bodies or groundwater – polluting healthy areas and damaging the ecosystems that depend on them.

Take a look at the table below to see how many potentially dangerous products are stored in your home.

Automotive Improvement	Household Items	Lawn and Garden	Home
Auto batteries	Aerosol products	Bug spray	Concrete Cleaner
Brake fluid	Button batteries	Charcoal lighter fluid	Driveway sealer
Carburetor cleaner	Batteries	Fertilizer (w/weed killer)	Furniture stripper
Degreasers	Drain cleaners	Insect killer	Glue (w/solvents)
Fuels	Fluorescent lights	Pool chemicals	Latex Paint
Oil filters	Mothballs	Rodent bait	Oil-based paint
Used antifreeze	Nail polish/remover	Weed killer	Paint remover
Used motor oil	Oven cleaner		Paint thinner
	Polish w/solvents		Roofing tar
	Spot removers		Stain/varnish
	Thermometers (Hg)		Wood preservatives



It is estimated that the average American home stores up to 100 pounds of household hazardous waste. A great way to prevent accidents and make your home safe is to limit the amount of household hazardous waste stored in and around your home. By limiting the storage of these products, you reduce the risk of accidents in your home and the environment around it. Next month I will provide alternatives to cleaning solutions for everyday home maintenance.

## REQUESTING INFORMATION

Should you feel that you need any assistance due to health, mobility, medications, or other special transportation issues during an emergency evacuation, please contact Tessa LaFazio at the Natural Resources Office at 487-9255 Ex 3150. We would like to compile this list prior to an emergency, so it is important that we be contacted as soon as possible. This information will be kept confidential, to be utilized by the Tribal Emergency Response Team *only* in the case of an emergency requiring evacuation. Please help us to assist you!

## NEED INFORMATION ?

## NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS OFFICE

It is our job in the Natural Resource Department to serve the community of the Smith River Rancheria. As such, should you ever have any questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns about environmental issues (solid waste, recycling, composting, air and water quality issues, waste water problems and issues, emergency planning, etc.); please don't hesitate to call the Natural Resources Department at 487-9255.

*Submitted by Tessa LaFazio, Environmental Protection Technician  
Natural Resources Department*



You're invited to the annual

# Tribal Childrens Easter Party

**Where:** Howonquet Hall Community  
Center

**When:** Sunday, March 24, 2013

**Time:** 2:00pm to 4:00pm





## Traditional Knowledge Enhancement Program

### TKEP



**Overview:** This program is designed to nurture and provide the transmission of cultural knowledge. As a Tribe, as an Indian people, who still do, believe, act, conduct ourselves and live as Dee-ni' or Xvsh people, we are at a critical time where traditional knowledge and mastery of skills as Dee-ni' are rapidly diminishing. Including but not limited to: Dee-ni' language, basket weaving, regalia making, singing, iris net-making, medicinal herb gathering and tincture making, canoe making, spear making, eeling, fishing, filleting, clamming, hunting, pipe making, tule mat making, genealogy studying, storytelling, seaweed gathering, drying fish, gambling, bark skirt making, paint making, knowledge keeping, etc. are all examples of cultural traditions that we would like to focus on nurturing through this program to offset the extinction of living, believing, thinking, doing and acting like our tribal lineage. To be consciously and actively living, breathing, thinking, believing and doing as a tribal citizen is a strength that needs to be promoted and protected.

There are two avenues to participate in the Traditional Knowledge Enhancement Program, either as a learner (**Traditional Knowledge Hunter**) or as a teacher (**Traditional Knowledge Holder**). The first is in a group setting in effort to bring several **\*Knowledge Hunters** together to learn from a **\*Primary Knowledge Holder**. Secondly, is to open a pathway for a Knowledge Hunter who has sought out a relationship with a Primary Knowledge Holder that can then enter into an agreement to learn this knowledge in a one to one (1 to 1) partnership that is planned out in advance of application process and agreed upon by both parties involved in the program.

**The Group setting-** consists of multiple (two or more (2+)) Knowledge Hunters and single or multiple Primaries to participate in scheduled culture workshops where the primary knowledge holder(s) will be contracted teacher(s). The knowledge hunters that participate in the activity will receive incentive hourly payment per workshop. The Culture Department Director is responsible for providing supplies, organizing time and location and communicating with participants. As the workshops are available the hunter applies for these sessions individually and discusses it with the department director.

**The One to One (1 to 1) setting-** the team consists of one (1) Primary Knowledge Holder and one (1) Knowledge Hunter. The subject matter and setting is set in place for a specific cultural skill or knowledge area prior to applying for the program. Both participants are contracted participants. In this setting the participants themselves would be responsible for coming up with time, location and supplies of their learning sessions.

The reporting will be done at the end of each learning session. This would include a narrative describing what was learned. Payment will not be issued to either participant without the complete reporting.

There is monetary compensation to all TKEP participants. You can get paid to learn and get paid to teach Dee-ni' cultural and traditional knowledge information. Come one, come all for more information, please direct your questions to the Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ department staff.

### Program Participant Definitions

#### Primary Knowledge Holder (PKH):

- A Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni, Smith River Rancheria, tribal member, honorary member, neighboring tribal member or individual that has mastery of specific traditional knowledge and/or traditional cultural skills and is willing to transmit that knowledge to learners in support of our efforts to keep our heritage alive. It is encouraged that these folks be open to possible video, photographic and audio recording documentation of their knowledge.

#### Traditional Knowledge Hunter (TKH):

- A Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni, Smith River Rancheria, tribal member, honorary member or community member with familial ties to the tribe who has interest in learning traditional cultural knowledge and/or skill in efforts to keep our heritage alive, who is seeking knowledge and is committed to sharing their skills with the next generation as a teacher.

#### Documentation:

- Two forms are required for payment along with the monthly invoice. An assessment will occur at the beginning of each quarter.

*Submitted by Marva Jones, Culture Department Director*



# Tribal Youth Activities



Jessica Petty with Representative Peggy Wilson of Alaska

I recently had the chance to go to Juneau and be a Guest Page for Representative Peggy Wilson who is our elected Representative for Alaska House District 33. Representative Wilson's Chief of Staff, Becky Rooney, and Julie Isom from Senator Stedman's office, were really helpful with setting up appointments with Representative Wilson and Senator Stedman. Thursday morning (January 24) we had an appointment with Senator Stedman and an appointment with Representative Wilson. I sat in on the meetings with my Grandma, as she lobbied for money for a road grant for our community.

As a Guest Page I had the honor of being introduced by Representative Peggy Wilson on the House Floor Session. Being a Guest Page for Representative Wilson Thursday (January 24) during the House Floor Session was an experience I won't ever forget. As a page you have to collect the notes from one person and take the note to the person it is addressed to. I also had to lay out papers on their desks. Friday morning (January 25) was the Senate Floor Session. And again, I had the honor as a Guest Page to be introduced by Senator Egan from Juneau, because Senator Stedman, our district Senator, was gone. I loved being able to be in Juneau and being able to take part in something that I am so interested in! Everyone was so welcoming and it meant so much to me!



Jessica Petty with Senator Stedman of Alaska

Thursday night (January 24) Julie Isom, from Senator Stedman's Office, took me bowling! It was the first time I had went bowling! It was so much fun! Friday afternoon (January 25) we had some time so we went out to the Mendenhall Glacier, and the Alaska State Museum. We drove by the Governor's house. Julie Isom took me back out to the Glacier Visitors center Friday night for a lecture. In a nutshell this was my trip to Juneau and I loved every minute of it and I hope I can go back and be a Page in a few years for the whole Legislative session.

*Submitted by Tribal Member Jessica Petty, age 16, Naukati Bay, Alaska*

## U.S. Highway 101 Multimodal Smith River Safety Corridor Project



A public meeting was held January 16<sup>th</sup>, the purpose of this meeting was to provide the community an opportunity to give input and review the preliminary plans to improve the safety of U.S. Hwy 101.

The U.S. 101 Multimodal Smith River Safety Corridor Project improvements are intended to lower vehicle speeds, increase safety for all users, and to bring the traveling public's attention to the fact that they are entering a community and to expect pedestrians, bicycles, and possible congestion at intersections. Proposed improvements include street lighting, landscaping and irrigation systems, gateway monument signs, at-grade colorized asphalt shoulders, intersection concrete hardscape treatments, new signage and striping, and other incidental items. The work may also include striping a new Class II bike lane between the two extents of the project and interpretive signage better designating the segment as part of the Pacific Coast Bike Route (PCBR). A portion of the funding will also be used to fund construction management and inspection services during construction.



*ABOVE:* Terry Supahan, Tribal Consultant, explains the TIGER III Project and the overhead lighting selection process.



Community Discussion of the Presented Monument Signage

*Submitted by Nita Rolfe, Project Coordinator*



Community Assessment Workgroup



On January 25<sup>th</sup> Howonquet Head Start and Early Learning Center invited staff, parents and members of the Community to participate in a Community Assessment Workgroup. It was a huge success! There was participation from almost every department within Smith River Rancheria. The group engaged in meaningful discussions regarding the needs in Del Norte and Curry counties. We discussed the demographic and statistical data collected from various sources. Some of the topics discussed were healthcare, child care, domestic violence rates, employment and school readiness. If you would like to participate in the next work group please call 707-487-1113. The Community is welcome to participate!

*Submitted by Ronda Ritchie, Program Manager  
Howonquet Head Start & Early Learning Center*



Taa-laa-wa Wee-ya' Linguistic Class

Tolowa Language

FEBRUARY

February 25, 2013

March 11, 2013

April 1, 2013

April 15, 2013

April 29, 2013

May 13, 2013

*Linguistics Class will be held  
at Taa-'at-dvn Magnet  
School 1260 Glenn street  
with Loren Bommelyn*

8:30 am - 10:00 am

*Earn a certificate of  
completion along with greater  
understanding of how  
grammar drives our language*

For more information contact Amber  
Gensaw at 487-9255, x3176

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# New Employees

## Amber Gensaw, Cultural Department Administrative Assistant



Dv-laa-ha~ and Aiy-ye-kwee  
My name is Amber Gensaw. I am the new Cultural Department Administrative Assistant. I am excited to gain more knowledge of my Tolowa culture by having the opportunity to work at the Smith River Rancheria. I look forward to helping with the cultural events which the tribe holds and as well as helping the Culture Department in almost any way that I can.

*Submitted by Amber Gensaw  
Culture Department Administrative Assistant*

## Karin Levy, Cultural Resource Specialist

Karin works with the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office (THPO). One of Karin's primary focuses is the protection, preservation and management of many functions relating to cultural and natural resources. The preservation of Tribal archives is an essential resource for documenting cultural history. Karin so far has archived many historical documents including written, oral and photographic history. These archives are being managed and maintained within the Culture Department and THPO Office and are being archived in a digital format for preservation and for future educational purposes. Preservation and maintenance of cultural history and tradition is vital in teaching our future generations and preserving our past.



So far 2013 has been a very busy year with many new projects within the Tribe's aboriginal territory. Working with the Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer, Suntayea Steinruck, Karin supports the THPO with collaboration and consultation with federal, state, local and private agencies and companies to protect both cultural and natural resources. So far in 2013, the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office has collaborated and consulted on eighteen projects with a variety of agencies. The collaboration and consultation with these agencies are essential to the protection and preservation of Tribal lands and sacred sites.

Karin is very committed to tribal historical preservation and brings much experience in library and museum management to the Tribe.

If you have any cultural history that you would like to share, please contact the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office at (707) 487-9255 ext. 3181 or e-mail: [karin.levy@tolowa.com](mailto:karin.levy@tolowa.com)

*Submitted by Karin Levy, Cultural Resource Specialist*

## Buffy McQuillen, NAGPRA Coordinator

Dv-laa-ha~, It is an honor to serve as the Tribe's NAGPRA Coordinator. My employment began in December 2012. I'm pleased to share some background information about me and how I arrived on the north coast. I was raised at Yokayo Rancheria in Ukiah, California with my father's family and Round Valley with my mother's family. I'm a tribal member of Round Valley Indian Tribes (Nomlaki, Yuki) and a Yokayo descendent. I came to the north coast to attend Humboldt State University, entered the Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP), earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master of Arts Degree. While at HSU I met my husband Raymond and together we are raising three beautiful children, Kes-e-loh (hope/wish), Tey-wu-lauw (coast) and William (strength).



As the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA) Coordinator, my responsibilities include protection of cultural items by bringing them home, offering culturally appropriate care and handling of them if they are unable to be repatriated from museums/agencies, and working with agencies who act as land managers for cultural items that are still out on the cultural landscape. My office is also responsible for managing the collection of cultural items and in the coming months will develop policies that direct use and access to the collection, and a virtual museum.

*Submitted by Buffy McQuillen, NAGPRA Coordinator*

## Brian Anspach, GIS Analyst

We would like to welcome Brian Anspach our new Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst. Brian comes to us from Humboldt County where he attended Humboldt State University and received his Bachelor's Degree in GIS, Remote Sensing and Cartography. He has worked for the California Center for Rural Policy and the Institute for Spatial Analysis as their GIS analyst and cartographer. As an independent consultant Brian has worked for McKinleyville Community Services District mapping and modeling their water and sewer infrastructure, and has designed and published the 2012 Welcome to McKinleyville Map and Visitors guide.



Brian will be working on our Coastal Marine Spatial Planning project, tribal maps, and GIS development and other projects as the need arises. This position will require the collection of field data, related to marine mapping, so if you see Brian out on the beach with his GPS feel free to say hello. Brian is looking forward to assisting with all of our mapping needs within the marine environment as well as with the Tribe in their pursuit of governing their natural resources.

*Submitted by Brian Anspach, GIS Analyst*

# Spring into Retirement

Here are a few important items about Social Security retirement benefits and how to apply for them.

When you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn “credits” toward Social Security benefits. If you were born in 1929 or later, you need 40 credits (10 years of work) to qualify for retirement benefits.

We determine the *amount* of your benefit by both how long you work and how much you earn. The higher your lifetime earnings, the higher your monthly benefits. If there were some years when you did not work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower than if you had worked steadily or earned more. Your age at the time you start receiving Social Security retirement makes a difference in your benefit amount. The full retirement age (the age at which 100 percent of retirement benefits are payable) has been gradually rising from age 65 to age 67. You can take “early retirement” as early as age 62, but if you start collecting benefits before you reach your full retirement age, your monthly payment will be reduced. You can find out what your full retirement age is by referring to the convenient chart at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm)

Just as you can choose an early retirement and get a reduced payment, you also can choose to keep working beyond your full retirement age to take advantage of a larger payment. Generally, your benefit will increase automatically by eight percent each year from the time you reach your full retirement age until you start receiving your benefits or until you reach age 70.

The decision of when to retire is personal and depends on a number of factors. To help you weigh the factors, we suggest you read our online fact sheet, *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html)

You may want to consider your options by using our *Retirement Estimator* to get instant, personalized estimates of future benefits. You can plug in different retirement ages and scenarios to help you make a more informed retirement decision. Try it out at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator)

You also can set up an online *my Social Security* account. You can use your *my Social Security* account to obtain a copy of your *Social Security Statement* to check your earnings record and see future estimates of the retirement, disability, and survivor benefits you and your family may receive. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount)

When you decide to retire, the easiest and most convenient way to do it is right from the comfort of your home or office computer. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) where you can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, there are no forms to sign or documents to send; once you submit your electronic application, that’s it! You’re done!

Be sure to have your bank account information handy so you can receive your payments electronically. Electronic payment of federal benefits is now mandatory, with few exceptions.

Spring is a great time to turn a new leaf. Spring into retirement now! Learn more by reading our publication, *Retirement Benefits*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html)

*Submitted by Amanda Donahue  
Social Security District Manager, Crescent City Office*

## Law Enforcement Symposium



Smith River Rancheria Hosted a meeting January 17, with the Bureau of Indian Affairs providing collaboration with local law enforcement agencies. The meeting was attended by 31 local law enforcement agencies from California such as Del Norte District Attorney’s Office, Del Norte Probation and the Del Norte Sheriff’s Office.

Oregon also attended the law enforcement meeting. Some of the agencies that attended from Oregon were the Brookings Police Department, Brookings Chief of Police, the Curry County Sheriff, and Curry County Commission. Representatives from

the Yurok Tribe and Hoopa Tribe, also provided their input for the meeting. I look forward to working with all the parties in the future .



*Submitted by Nita Green, Court Administrator*





## 2013 SAIGE YOUTH PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

### ***SAIGE Announces Youth Program at 10th Annual National Training Program***

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees. SAIGE will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual National Training Program, *Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions*, June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington, at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino, owned by the Kalispel Tribe.

As part of the Training Program, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Youth Program. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and leadership training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their educations by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions. Federal agency representatives attending the conference will have the opportunity to participate as Exhibitors, meet students, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

**SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native students to attend the 2013 Training Conference June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and meals.**

The Youth Program is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government. SAIGE invites American Indian/Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required. Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 1, 2013**. To obtain a complete application visit our website at: [www.saige.org](http://www.saige.org) under Youth Program.

We look forward to you joining us in Spokane, Washington

Contact: JoAnn Brant  
Youth Program Coordinator  
(202) 564-0375  
[brant.joann@epa.gov](mailto:brant.joann@epa.gov)

Applications also available at the Tribal Office, and Community and Family Services Office. CFS Staff is available to assist Native youth, ages 18-25, with their program applications.

*Submitted by Dorothy Perry, Director  
Community and Family Services*

## March is National Nutrition Month

It is appropriate and fitting that March is National Nutrition Month, since it is in between winter and spring. Winter holiday gatherings have passed and have left many of us with cherished memories and frequently unwanted weight gain! Healthy eating and routine exercise are needed all year round; but many of us need a friendly reminder to get ourselves back on track. Be kind to your body and reacquaint yourself with healthy eating habits and fitness. Replace your unhealthy habits with smart health choices for a healthier body.

### **Healthful eating fuels physical activities at every stage of life.**

Well-nourished and active children and teens grow, develop, and learn better. Good nutrition also helps ensure a healthy pregnancy and successful breast-feeding. And, healthful eating and active living help adults and seniors feel their best, work productively, and lower their risk for a variety of conditions. Fitness at every age comes from a lifestyle that includes good nutrition and regular physical activity. The sooner you start the better your health.

### **Food and physical activity choices are personal.**

Foods nourish your body. Being well-nourished means you get enough of the nutrients your body needs. Part of being well nourished also means eating portions of foods just right for you. The true definition of fitness refers to your own optimal health and overall well-being. Fitness is your good health - at its very best.

### **Food is a source of pleasure and good taste.**

The taste of foods adds pleasure to eating - especially if you eat a greater variety of foods and learn how to include your favorites in an overall healthful eating style.

### **Staying fit means you have a better chance for a higher quality of life, and perhaps a longer one, too. When you are fit, you:**

- Improve your mood, reduce your stress, and increase your energy.
- Reduce your risk for heart disease, cancer, and diabetes.
- Look and feel your best.
- Have the physical strength and endurance to do the things you want to do.

<http://www.medicinenet.com>

*Submitted By Leann Babcock McCallum  
CFS Program Technician*



# From the Office of Self-Governance



Councilor Hall and Self-Governance Director, Briannon Fraley advocating for Tolowa Dee-ni’ Health Care dollars for our members living in Oregon during the Self-Governance Advisory Committee meeting in Washington DC.  
Pictured left to right: Lenora Hall, Councilor; Dr. Roubideaux, IHS Director; Briannon Fraley, Self-Governance Director

Councilor Lenora Hall and I attended the Quarterly meeting of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Department of Interior (DOI) Self-Governance Advisory Committee meeting in Washington DC on January 23-25, 2013. Attendance of the meeting was an activity within our current Title V feasibility study through the Indian Health Service. As part of the study the Office of Self-Governance is researching the responsibilities of compacting Health Care under Title V as well as a complete assessment of services provided to our Tolowa Dee-ni’ community at our current Howonquet Clinic.

### Background information on the Self-Governance Advisory Committee’s:

The Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) was developed at the recommendation of Self-Governance Tribes and Indian Health Service and was approved by the Director of IHS on April 23, 1996. Through the passage of Title V and P.L. 106-260 the Committee was further solidified as a necessary component of Tribal Self-Governance. For the TSGAC we fall within the California region and the representative for compacting Tribes under Title V is Leonard Masten, Chairman of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. The purpose of the TSGAC is to provide information dissemination, education, advocacy, and policy guidance for implementation of Self-Governance within Indian Health Service.

The DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) was formally sanctioned by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs (ASIA) in 1998, and is comprised of Self-Governance Tribal representatives from around the Nation. Smith River Rancheria falls within the BIA Pacific Region, our current Pacific Region representative for the SGAC is Chairman Leonard Masten of the

Hoopa Valley Tribe. The purpose of the SGAC is to provide information and advice to the ASIA and the Director of the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) regarding Self-Governance programs, federal law, regulations, policies and budget issues within Indian Affairs. They also, seek to clarify issues affecting some or all Self-Governance Tribes, make recommendations that eh SGAC believes are in the best interest of Self-Governance tribes, and provide verbal and written advice about Self-Governance issues as needed or requested.

### TSGAC and SGAC Meeting Review:

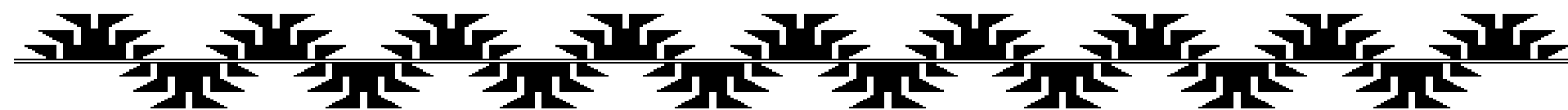
Examples of topics covered at the meeting for the IHS side include consultation policy review, Contract Support Cost, Budget and Appropriations, Information Technology Shares, GPRA Pilot Project, PSFA Manual Updates and Changes, Emergency Medical Care, Agency Lead Negotiators, and impacts of Health Care Provisions to name a few. DOI-SGAC meeting topics included Title IV proposed legislative changes, Carcieri/Patchak (fee to trust), Tribal Data Exchange (reporting mechanism for tribes to report on Self-Governance Activities), Budget, Contract Support Cost and Shortfall report, and the Tribal Transportation Program. We were able to listen to what the current issues facing Self-Governance Tribes are and gain a better understanding of how Self-Governance Tribes interact with the Federal Government.

The first part of the meetings the Tribal representatives strategized on their message to the Director of IHS, Dr. Roubideaux, and DOI’s Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn and on the second day engaged in meaningful dialog about the needs and concerns of Self-Governance Tribes across the Nation. This was a great opportunity to meet Self-Governance tribes who have been negotiating and compacting with the Federal Government for many years. I made new working relationships with Tribes from Washington, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts, who I will be able to network with when thinking about our Self-Governance strategy.

During the intermission of the meeting Councilor Hall and I were able to pull the IHS director aside to discuss our needs regarding health care coverage for our members. We were later told by CRIHB Director Crouch that Dr. Roubideaux appeared at the CRIHB Quarterly meeting in Sacramento and mentioned Smith River Rancheria’s need and is looking for a solution.

Look for more information from the Office of Self-Governance in upcoming newsletters and soon on our website.

*Submitted by, Briannon Fraley  
Self-Governance Director*



# ANNOUNCEMENT: SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA PARTNERS WITH "ONABEN"

## Smith River Rancheria and ONABEN to present small business development workshop

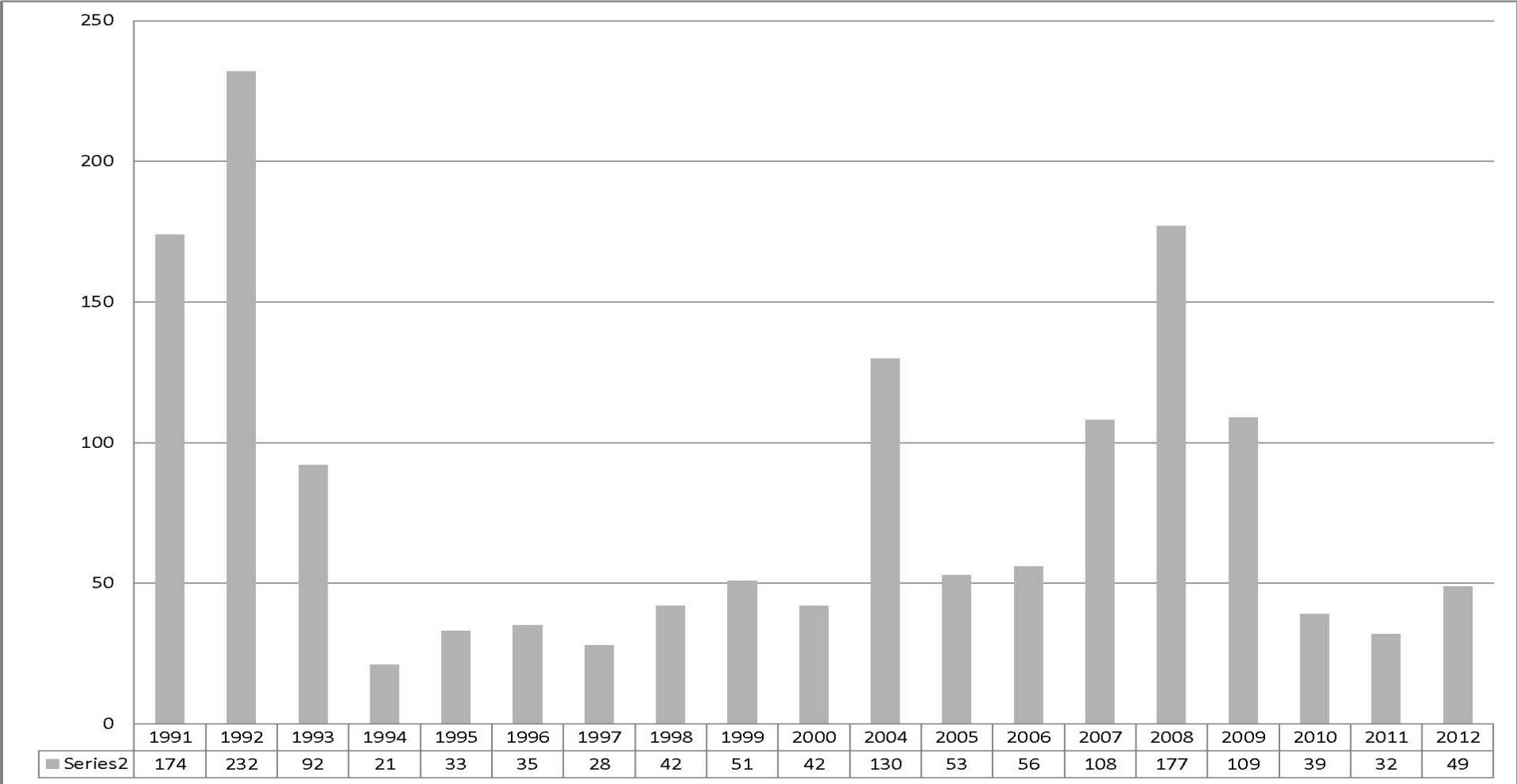
ONABEN is an acronym for Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network Inc. ONABEN is a 501(c)(3) corporation, created in 1991 by four tribes in Oregon to encourage the development of a private sector on their reservations. Models from traditional small business development programs were adapted to fit Native American cultural norms and reservation situations. ONABEN is looked to as the "go to" organization when tribes in the Northwest need assistance in development of entrepreneurship programs.

Smith River Rancheria and ONABEN will offer a FREE two day course for small business development on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. All "Indianpreneurs" are invited to attend, and we strongly encourage people who are interested in operating a Licensed Child Care Home in Oregon or California to register. The training workshop will benefit anyone who operates or is considering operating a small business, but Community and Family Services Department has an urgent need for Family Child Care Homes to provide care for infants and toddlers. This workshop will cover business concepts indispensable for anyone starting-up or running a small business. Instructors will also identify and help participants avoid common pitfalls.

Training will be conducted in the Nan-tsun (Mountain) room, upstairs at Lucky 7 Casino on March 27<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>. All class materials, snacks, and lunch will be provided at no cost to the participant. Reserve your space today by calling Andromeda, Community and Family Services, at 487-9255 ext.3136 or Darrell, TERO, at 487-9255 ext. 3190. We need your registration information by March 21<sup>st</sup> to ensure we have enough class materials for all participants.

# Smith River Rancheria Membership Statistics

Membership by Resolution



TOTAL ENROLLED: 1502

Submitted by Theresa Ferrer, Enrollment Specialist 1/4/2013

# Taa-xe Num-nii~ma~s (March)

## Happy Birthday

Randall Adams  
Kory Allen  
Rebeca Aseere  
Dixie Ault  
Jay Bardwell  
Adam Boatsman  
Paige Bravo  
Marilyn Bray  
Gabriel Byas  
Mercedes Byas  
Cameron Cain  
Liylla Carlile  
Mariah Carlile  
Rebecca Carlile  
Debra Clary  
Wanda Coleman  
Chelsey Cornelis  
Pamela Davis  
Jonah Dobrec  
Laffayette Donahue, Jr  
Brennan Ellis  
Tiffany Elshadid  
Cannon Evanow  
Jessika Evans  
Jeanine Fender  
Joseph Finigan  
Jerico Fouts  
Zachary Fralich  
Daniel Frombach  
Detrick Frombauch  
Michael Fullam  
Robert Gilkey  
Alyson Giola  
Penley Giola  
Preslea Giovanetti  
Russell Greene  
Valerie Greene  
Kristina Halverson  
Linda Harris

Thomas Harte-Lopez  
Ronald Hendrickson  
Grace Hinshaw  
Emma Hodges  
Scott Hodges  
Kalea Hubbart  
Ryan Hurd  
Serenity Hurd  
Justin Irvine  
Evelynne Jacobs  
Donald James  
Lonnie Jocsing  
Cody Kahoalii  
Preston Kasinger  
Jakoby Kirby  
James Lear  
Alison Lee  
Monica Livingston  
Alixzander Lopez  
Jennifer Lopez  
Robert Lopez, Jr.  
Neal Lopez  
Tara Lopez  
Evelyn Manning  
Anna Mason  
Christopher McGuire  
Keyten McKuhn  
Ridge McLennan  
Dennis Melton  
Tayler Melton  
Kurt Miller  
Alder Mitchell  
Darin Moffett  
Christian Montonen  
Manuel Moon Jr.  
Dan'des'ne Moorehead  
Jordan Morgan  
Karen Morgan  
Sianna Moulton

Christina Murff  
Holly Murff  
Kathleen Neal  
Anice Nelson  
Jasmine O'Loughlin  
Kenai O'Loughlin  
Rachel Ochoa  
Cynthia Olds  
Daniel Parke  
Damian Parras  
Markus Parras  
Tammy Parsons  
Dillon Perry  
Maximus Petrie  
Roberta Phillippi  
Kim Phillips  
Dawn Popanz  
Christopher Potter  
Cheryl Puget  
Kaitlyn Rasmussen  
Bryon Remington  
Emma Rhea  
Brittany Rhodes  
Travis Rhodes  
Walter Richards Jr.  
William Richards Sr.  
Shawn-Tay Richards  
Nikolas Richards-Davis  
Leslie Richmond  
Maxwell Richmond  
Alison Ringler  
Pennie Roberts  
Amber Robinson  
Laressa Rogers  
Kailina Romo  
Leslie Ross  
Florinda Salcedo  
Susan Salcedo  
Christopher Schriver

Danika Scott  
Hannah Scott  
Billy Seshier  
Ayden Silva  
Kathleen Silva  
Trenton Silva  
Chulh-ts'a's-ne Smiley  
Jennifer Snipes  
Ethan St.Clair  
Melissa Stepro  
Mark Stifel, Jr.  
Donica Summers  
Venus Thomas  
Jeri Throop  
Melanie Townsend  
Nolan Travis  
Betty Tripp  
Rose Vickers  
Heather Walker  
Jacob Ward  
Kellen Whipple  
Kendra Whipple  
Devon White  
Kirra Wilburn  
Debra Williams  
Kyle Wilson  
Aaron Workman  
Holly Wyland  
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Marjorie Zwierlein

**Daylight Saving Time  
officially begins Sunday,  
March 10 at 2:00am.**

**Don't forget to set  
your clocks ahead one hour**





# Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

## Basic Food Handlers Training Courses



### You will learn

- ♦ About the major causes of food poisoning and food spoilage and how to avoid them
- ♦ How to deal with emergency situations and maintain personal hygiene and presentation standards

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Session #1- 9:00am to 12:00pm

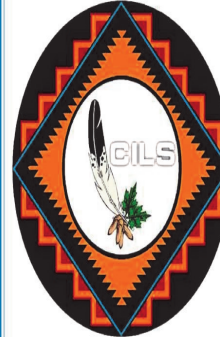
Session #2- 2:00pm to 5:00pm

At the Lucky 7 Casino Nan-tsun Meeting Room

Registration Deadline is March 15, 2013. Register as soon as possible with your preferred session time, each session is limited to 25 people and first come first serve will be applied.

To register please contact: Andromeda Lopez at [andi.lopez@tolowa.com](mailto:andi.lopez@tolowa.com) or call at 707-487-9255 ext.3136

## California Indian Legal Services



**DO NOT PAY FOR TAX PREPARATION!**

FREE tax return assistance for low-income individuals

**January 28 to April 8, 2013**

Low-income workers and their family could be eligible for up to \$5,891 from the Earned Income Tax Credit.

### EITC Eligibility

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	IF YOU'RE SINGLE Maximum income	IF YOU'RE MARRIED Maximum income
0	\$13,980	\$19,190
1	\$36,920	\$42,130
2	\$41,952	\$47,162
3 or more	\$45,060	\$50,270

**All Counties Contact CILS at:**

**1-800-829-0284 Ext. 307**

NOTE: Other eligibility restrictions may apply.

All calls will be connected to the CILS Field Office in Sacramento for assistance.

**SELF-HELP ONLINE TAX ASSISTANCE LINKS AT:**

**[www.calindian.org](http://www.calindian.org)**

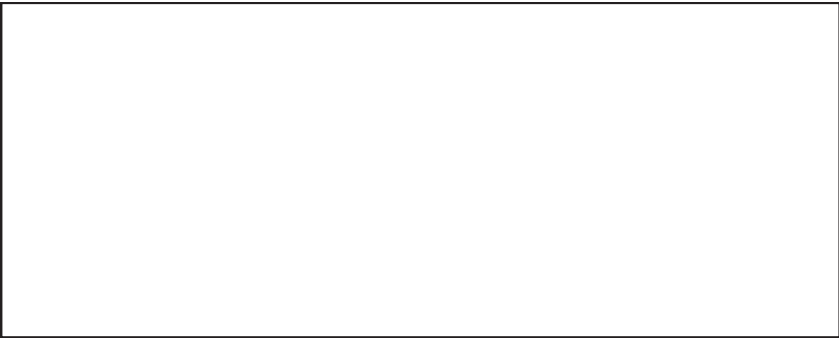
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# Smith River Rancheria General Membership Meeting

Date: March 16, 2013  
Time: 8:00am-3:00pm  
Location: Howonquet Early Learning  
Center Daycare



## DAYCARE

**Make your reservation by Mar 15**  
**space is limited to 20 children**

- \*\*Please keep sick children at home**
- \*\*Breakfast, snacks and a lunch will be provided. If your child has food allergies, please prepare and pack their meals accordingly.**

**Call 707-487-9255,  
ext. 3500  
to reserve your spot**

